

# SHOUFLER GAVE AN INTERESTING BACCALAUREATE

ADDRESS SUNDAY EVENING AT  
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
HELD THE AUDIENCE.

## Dignity of Service Subject of Address

The baccalaureate address given on Sunday evening to the Senior class of Alma high school at the Presbyterian church by Rev. Shoufler of the First Baptist church was exceptionally thoughtful, and delivered in a clear, forceful manner held the close attention of the audience that packed the church to capacity.

The address, "The Dignity of Service or The Crowning Virtue," was taken from the text: Luke 22:27, "But I am among you as he that serveth."

The address followed:  
"No sooner had the solemn ceremonies of the Lord's supper ceased than a dispute arose among certain disciples, who should be the greatest in the kingdom. Although there may be different standards of excellence by which men are judged, arguments from that day to this have never settled the question. In this case as in many other instances, Jesus brings the argument to an abrupt close, by asking a question and administering a rebuke by saying, 'For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? Is not he that sitteth at meat? But I am among you as he that serveth.' It is perfectly right to aspire to greatness. It is all right to want to be somebody and to have a desire to do something worth while as long as more honor undeserved and unearned is not the objective. I am sure that none of you would assume the attitude of the boy who always stood at the foot of the class. When reprimanded by his father for being at the foot instead of being at the head, he replied that he didn't see as he replied that he didn't see as it made it made any particular difference, that the teaching was the same at both ends."

Seek to Excel  
"First seek to excel through the purpose to serve organizes the forces of your life for effective action. A boy when asked if his father attended church replied: 'Yes he attends off and on.' That is what is the matter with many folks today—too many 'off and on' people—an old hen could not hatch eggs 'off and on.' We are told to be 'constant in season and out of season.' A pile of steel shavings lying on the floor of a foundry may be of excellent quality and weigh tons, but in that condition the shavings are useless. Organize and weld them into a shaft and properly attach to power and they will drive a great ocean liner from New York to Liverpool. Education sustains about the same relationship to life as the great shaft to unorganized steel. By slightly changing the figure, a life without a purpose is like a ship without a rudder, not only is it in danger at the mercy of the wind and waves, but it endangers every other ship with which it may collide. Lacking purpose, adrift upon the sea it becomes a derelict of death."

"Again, let us seek to excel through the displacement of low ambition. There are no substitutes on short cuts to real service. Some schools that are not of the highest type offer short courses with great money objectives. A few days ago there appeared an advertisement stating that a certain encyclopedia was the equivalent of a four-years' college course. Be not deceived—there is no set of books excepting the Bible itself, that is equivalent to the personal influence of a great, good and consecrated teacher."

"We must rid ourselves of the false notion that glory lies in conspicuousness and is measured by large financial returns. You remember the story of the sons of Zebedee (Mark 10:27) that came asking to sit one on the right hand and the other on the left hand of Christ in His Kingdom. The account in Matt. 20:23 states that the mother of the boys made the request, so I believe that both mother and sons were ambitious to obtain such honor. They sought unearned and undeserved honor. Jesus answered them with a challenge, 'Are ye able to drink the cup that I drink and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' Robert Browning says:

"A man's reach must exceed his grasp  
Else what is heaven for?  
This low man seeks a little thing to do,  
See it and does it;  
This high man, with a great thing to pursue,  
Dies ere he knows it."

You can have the position of honor if you pay the price. The most brilliant diamonds are polished in their own dust.

Ambition Has Its Dangers  
"Ambition when selfish has its perils. It was selfish ambition that sent Kaiser to Holland, Napoleon has fallen when selfishness, greed and low morals became the dominant national characteristics. The Pyramids though grand they may seem and majestic with age, like eternal tombstones watch over the buried dynasties of the Pharaohs. They perpetuate the memory of wicked rulers, more worms of the dust; desolate mounds mark the place where Babylon once stood, the wonder of nations; the

majestic ruins of the Parthenon speak of a golden age long since gone; the Roman Forum, worn by the footsteps of great statesmen is discovered 20 feet below the streets of modern Rome; the once splendid empire of Karl the Great lies broken into fragments on the map of Civilization. Why have they gone? They did not upon the battlefield in a conquest for righteousness, neither did they pass away in the midst of a program to serve humanity, nor did they cease to exist for the lack of men, but for want of manhood. The man of wisdom says, 'Righteousness exalteth a nation.' He whose kingdom shall endure forever established that kingdom in the hearts of men. He who spoke as never man spoke taught the power of righteousness, the peril of selfishness and the strength of brotherhood."

"Again I call attention to the fact that worthy purpose will awaken the latent powers of the soul. Why does one man make clay into brick and another mould clay into a beautiful vase? It is because each has touched the clay with a different spirit of purpose. The great Lincoln is renowned as the rail-splitter of the Sangamon, but had he been satisfied to remain a rail splitter, par excellence, he would have continued unknown, but with the spirit of a rail splitter he excelled in service for his country and became immortalized."

Overcome Handicaps  
"No individual can do everything equally well, for in some things he will excel, while in others he will fail. Success is largely due to your ability to choose the best. The good is sometimes the enemy of the best, why stop with the mediocre when it is possible to attain the best. There are self-made men, if you must fail, fail successfully. Hawthorne failed in business, but he gave us the Scarlet Letter and the Marble Faun; Dickens failed as a solicitor, but out of his failure came the immortal David Copperfield and Martin Chuzzlewit. When a door slams shut behind you enter the one God is opening before you. The door of unselfish service is God's door and it is never closed, discover it and it is your opportunity."

Be a good sport. Not the kind that shifts the hat to one side of the head and allows the highest ambition to go up in smoke. (I might make this more literal). A coach of a college football team told me this year, that he could not expect to win anything with a team composed of cigarette fiends. A good sport is a man who has lived his best. A good sport is one who is clean physically, mentally and morally."

Let I should leave the impression that I am partial to one class or to one sex, again I say be a good sport—Not the kind that hides the feminine beauty of the face in talcum powder and exposes the naked knee to the long suffering public. This kind of sport has already brought down the wrath of some city officials."

Aspire to Sacrificial Service  
"Present your bodies a living sacrifice, wholly acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. The lowly task is not drudgery, neither is it degrading."

This is the day for the man who can live a lowly life, and the strife for the high place of honor and power. While competitors strive hour by hour to reach the laurels on the top rung of the lonely ladder where fame is hung. Why compete for the place where there's room for only one to stand all alone? Somewhere, some place in the world of space, Achievement awaits the slow in the race. No need to mantle the soul in plumes, for at the bottom there's ever room. Forward is not always to the strong. Whose triumph is achieved by a crowd, honest effort in Judgment prevails. For reward to one who tries but fails, can never be counted as nothing. As long as a noble aim is sought."

No failure was ever recorded of men Who truly strive for others to win In the struggle 'gainst sin, doubt and gloom. On the level with men there is room In which to labor, lost over time, Building ladders for others to climb."

"Others have sacrificed that you might succeed. All about you are cooperative and friendly forces that contribute to your success. You have fallen heir to all progress of the past. Every century has saved its best for you. It has cost much. You are living in the greatest age in the world's history, in the greatest country on earth. You have much to live for, the golden age lies not in the past history of Greece or Rome but it projects itself far into the future."

Learn To Love  
"Love and you will succeed. I do not mean that frivolous kind of love described by the young man who said 'Love is an inward inexpressiveness of an outward alloverliveness.' I mean the kind of love that expresses itself in a way that it can be understood, like that of the mother that rocks the cradle of her firstborn and never falls from the cradle to the grave. As expressed by the man of large experience who had withstood the storms of life, its sorrows, its trials, temptations, its pains, 'I write unto you little children that ye love one another.'"

"Learn to love until it's more blessed to give than to receive. Love self, love others, love God, until love becomes the supreme passion of life. Love your work, learn to love the best and you will unconsciously become transformed into the likeness of the objects of your interest. Then you will be not only in earnest but inspired for some sacred task."

"In Ian MacLaren's 'Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush' under the heading of 'A Doctor of The Old School,' you have a splendid illustration of what I mean. The doctor refused the high position of mayor because he loved the people of Drumtochty. Through rain and snow across swollen streams and through banks of snow, early and late, at the bedside of the sick and the dying amid the poor and needy he practiced and sacrificed, because he loved the people and he loved his work. Bearing the scars of two awful accidents that nearly cost him his life he made his last journey. As

he lies upon his bed the storm beating furiously outside, he imagines himself answering calls and he talks to his faithful steed, that had carried him through many a perilous flight. 'We'll soon be home now; this is the black wood, and it's lang aifter that; we're ready for oor beds jess—ay, ye like a clap at a time; mony a mile we've gae'd together, Youms the light in the kitchen window; nae wonder ye're nickerin—it's been a stiff journey; am tired, lass—a'm tired tae death' and the voice died into silence. Once more the scene changes in his delirium as his Scotch friend clings to his hand and feels the departure of his soul. Back in the old home at his mother's fireside, he repeated till he came to the last verse, the twenty-third Psalm then he hesitated:

"Goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life' (Drumtochty whispered 'Dwelling place') and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Gie me the kiss mither for I've been waiting for ye, an' a'll sune be asleep.' Dr. McClure was hurried after the great snowstorm of Drumtochty. Lord Kilspindie wanted a suitable inscription for the cross he placed at the head of the grave. Dr. Davidson, the minister, suggested the words, 'Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.'"

"This is the dignity of unselfish service, the crowning virtue in which you may seek to excel. Your inspiration is found in Him who said 'I am among you as he that serveth.' If we loved Him, we are told that 'He first loved us and gave Himself for us.' 'He went about doing good.' He said of Himself 'I came not to be ministered unto but to minister.' 'Whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall save it.' With Him in view and with that same hope set before us, we can endure the cross, despise the shame as he did, and be set down at the right hand of God, the Father."

## LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Ray Fraker left Tuesday for a visit in Flint.

John D. Spinney was in Pompeii on business Tuesday.

Merlin Ellison spent the week end at Houghton lake.

Francis C. Hayward, city clerk, spent Sunday at Twin lakes.

F. W. Ruggles was home from Saginaw the first of the week.

Kelley S. Seard, St. Johns attorney, was in the city on business Tuesday.

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New and second hand water pipe for sale. 819 Woodworth ave., Tel. 411.—advertisement. 5-2w

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Osborn and son, Fred, and Mrs. H. M. Dunham and two children were Crystal visitors on Sunday.

Mrs. Herbert Fowler of Detroit spent the past week in Alma visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Thompson.

Andrew Crooks, a member of Wm. Moyer Post G. A. R., is in Flint attending the G. A. R. reunion being held in that city this week.

Dr. Day was at Houghton lake the first of the week visiting with his daughter, and spending some little time angling in the lake, the favorite recreation of the city physician.

Mr. and Mrs. Clara Redman attended the Alumni banquet and hop at St. Louis Friday evening. Both are graduates of St. Louis High School.

Mrs. F. H. Rowland announces that she will continue piano forte teaching during the summer months. 628 Woodworth avenue. Telephone 42.—advertisement.

Mrs. H. M. Page and Mrs. John Congwer are in Tawas City for a few days, attending the commencement exercises of the high school there. Their niece is one of the graduates of the school there this year.

The Luther Circle of the M. E. church will meet Tuesday afternoon, June 28, with Mrs. J. G. Richardson, 516 Walnut street. Ladies are requested to bring their own work.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Erickson leave this week for a trip to Muskegon and Milwaukee, while Mr. Erickson is enjoying a two weeks vacation from his duties at the Western Union Telegraph office.

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The Fortnightly Society of the Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. J. T. Ewing, 315 Grant avenue, Tuesday afternoon, June 28, at three o'clock. This will be a guest day and there be no more meetings until next September.

Forest Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith of this city, who has been attending M. A. C. at East Lansing during the past year, spent the week end in Alma, a guest at the home of his parents. Smith returned to East Lansing Monday and will take a summer course there.

The Honorable J. W. Holmes of Horton, is visiting his son, M. A. Holmes, of this city for a few days. Mr. Holmes, who for thirty years was a resident of this city, has been a resident of Horton for the past eight years. He was a state representative from Gratiot while a resident here.

William E. Reynolds, city manager, and A. J. Archer and P. W. Creaser, city commissioners, were in Ithaca Tuesday attending the meeting at which bids for the trunk line paving in Alma and also the portion of those streets that the city is to pave were opened.

The G. V. Wright furniture store had a very unique window display the first of the week. It consisted of a woodland scene; in the woods were some real birds, a woodcock and a quail. A black squirrel was to be seen jumping from branch to branch in the window.

It is understood that after July 1 the local office of the Western Union Telegraph Co. will again be open until 8:30 p. m. The office hours from July 1 on will be from 7:30 a. m. to 8:30 p. m. Another operator is to report here for duty at that time to assist Manager Erickson.

Charles Creaser left Tuesday evening for the University of Michigan summer camp near Cheboygan, where he will be an assistant instructor in geology. Mr. Creaser, the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Creaser, of this city, achieved a fine success as a student at the University of Michigan in this study which marked him as a very exceptional student.

Expectations are that a court order will be issued very soon whereby the city of Alma will be empowered to use the well machine, now on its hands, during the period that it is under control of the city. It is badly needed at the present time as it is the desire of the city officials to put down one or two wells to a deeper strata of water just as quickly as possible, and thus increase the supply of pure well water available for city use.

R. F. Erwin Regarding His Troubles

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### WRIGHT SCHOOL

John Rockefeller spent Sunday at Crystal.

The annual Webb reunion was held Sunday in the grove on Mrs. F. M. Webb's farm. Thirty-four were present and a very pleasant day was spent.

Mrs. Nancy Wolf has returned home from Flushing where she has been visiting her sister.

The Arcadia Sunday school elected its officers Sunday for the ensuing year. Mr. Wolf and Mr. Youngs, superintendents; Mrs. Wesley Webb, secretary; Mrs. Simon Barry, treasurer, and Mrs. Young, organist.

Erwin Webb had his tonsils and adenoids removed Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hector Smith accompanied by relatives and friends of Saginaw and Alma spent Sunday at Crystal lake.

Mrs. Claud Burton was run into Sunday by another car on the town line road and had her face cut quite badly. Both cars were damaged, wrecked.

The Misses Thelma and Zelma Isham are spending the week with relatives near Pompeii.

Mrs. Matt Johnson, who has been sick with appendicitis, is better at this writing.

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